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July 31, 2003

Mr. Bill Morris  
Director of Corporate Planning & Development  
Piedmont Natural Gas Company  
1915 Rexford Road  
Charlotte, NC 28233

Re: **Docket No. 03-00313** - Application of Nashville Gas Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for an Adjustment of its Rates and Charges, the Approval of Revised Tariffs and the Approval of Revised Service Regulations

Dear Mr. Morris:

To further the Staff's analysis of the reasonableness of the rates filed April 29, 2003 by Nashville Gas Company, we request that you furnish an original and nine (9) copies of the information requested below. Please provide responses by August 14, 2003.

117. Provide the source of the climatological data used for the Company's actual degree day calculation for the test year.
118. Provide the calculation of the Company's thirty (30) year average monthly degree days.
119. Provide on diskette, actual Plant in Service by account number, by month, from January 2000 through April 2003 and projected through October 2004. Provide the information in the following worksheet format, Tennessee only, with and without Special Projects.

<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Corporate</u> <u>Allocation</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Plant</u>
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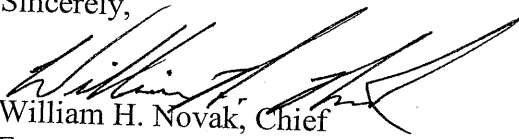
120. Provide on diskette, actual Accumulated Depreciation by account number, by month, from January 2000 through April 2003 and projected through October 2004. Provide the information in the same format as requested in Question 119.
121. Provide the average cost increase for residential customers in South Carolina. Provide the approved percentage of return on rate base in North Carolina.

122. In reference to the Company's response to Question 66, the totals for the TDOT Highway Relocation Projects are \$2,592,400 and \$1,942,520 for the **test period** and the **attrition year** respectively. The Company's response to Question 105 indicates the Company expects to receive reimbursements for these costs sometime after October 2004. Regardless of the time frame, will the Company eventually be fully reimbursed for the project costs referenced above?
123. Provide the computer files requested in Questions 25, 31 and 34.
124. Provide the response to Question 46 that was omitted from the original filing.
125. Provide the sales volumes for all industrial classes (LGS, IGS, FTS, ITS, and Special Contracts) by month and by step from January 1997 through December 2002. This data should be provided both on paper and electronically.
126. Provide the following reports from March 2002 through April 2003:
- a. Tennessee O&M Payroll Report
  - b. Tennessee Allocated Income Statement showing all O&M expenses by account number.
  - c. Corporate Office 3-State Income Statement showing all O&M expenses by account number.

These were the reports provided to Staff prior to March 2002. If these reports (per se) do not exist, provide all of the information formerly provided on the above reports for all O&M expense accounts in an Excel spreadsheet for each month referenced above.

If you have questions regarding this data request, please consult one of the Energy and Water Staff prior to responding.

Sincerely,

  
William H. Novak, Chief  
Energy and Water Division

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